

Pick a pumpkin at Cox's Ponds

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**Members of the Chase County Schools freshman class helped harvest the pumpkins at Cox's pumpkin patch Saturday, then transported them to the ponds for display.
(courtesy photo)**

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The place to be this weekend is at Cox's Ponds near Champion. All kinds of Halloween action can be found Saturday and Sunday at the annual event.

Organizer Arlys Cupp, along with her family, said that besides the usual activities, some new ones have been added.

The entries for the scarecrow contest will be set up by 5 p.m. Friday evening. Prizes will be awarded in children and adult divisions. Expect to see at least 10 scarecrows, if past interest indicates.

As visitors, who are urged to costume up, enter the Halloween world, they will see hundreds of pumpkins, gourds and squash ringing ponds, buildings and playground equipment.

Scary decorations pop out of nowhere.

A hayrack ride to the corn maze, which is being staffed by Imperial EMT personnel, will be available. Several families and individuals have set up areas in the maze that will delight and scare visitors.

The Brandt family will again treat children to a petting zoo and pony rides.

New this year is a chance to ride a camel, courtesy of Kyle Hendricks.

Children can dig to their hearts' content in a corn tank, while their parents choose craft items for sale.

In addition, the Challengers 4-H Club will be selling hot dogs and chips, while Emma Jenkins will be selling sloppy joes.

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Adams Bank & Trust is giving out cotton candy, and popcorn, cookies and pretzels will also fill those empty stomachs.

The pumpkin patch will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. It is located 2 1/2 miles west and 1/4 mile north of Champion at Jeannine Cox's house.

Fun run fun for all

The annual pumpkin fun run is just that, according to organizer Jill Moline. Instead of a race, "It's just because it's fun. People can even walk," she said.

The fun run begins Saturday with registration at 7 a.m. at Cox's Ponds. Registration is \$18 for adults, while children are free.

The 10-mile race begins at 7:30 a.m. and winds through Champion and a number of hills, Moline noted.

The three-mile race begins at 8:30 a.m., while the kids' race begins about 9:15 a.m. Prizes will be awarded at about 10:15 a.m., and drawings will be held.

All participants will receive stocking caps and ear bands, Moline said.

In the past a 5K race has been held instead of a three-mile run, but Moline said the 5K was always a little short, so the decision was made to call it a three-mile race.

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Besides registering the day of the race, interested persons may register at Imperial Super Foods prior to Saturday. Questions may be directed to Moline at (308) 882-5389.